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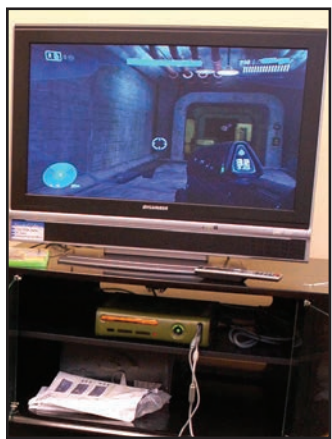
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The maximum fine
in Decambre, La., for
exposing knickers
in public.

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Students express little interest in Constitution

BY CHRISTIN IVEY
STAFF WRITER

In celebration of the Constitution's 220th birthday, GCSU students put the first amendment to the test with a free speech event last Thursday night in the A&S Auditorium.

The GCSU American Democracy Project teamed up with College Republicans, Young Democrats and the

Government & Sociology Department to recognize Constitution Week, which featured lectures by U.S. District Judge William S. Duffey Jr., and syndicated talk radio show host Herman Cain, as well as a dialogue of free speech on GCSU campus.

Dr. Janet Clark, associate professor of Rhetoric and Greg Kaufmann, director of the Coverdell Institute and the American

Democracy Project welcomed the crowd of 100 students to join in on the grand finale of Constitution week called "Give Us Something to Talk About: Free Speech at GCSU," an informal student-based conversation on how to improve discussion and debate around campus.

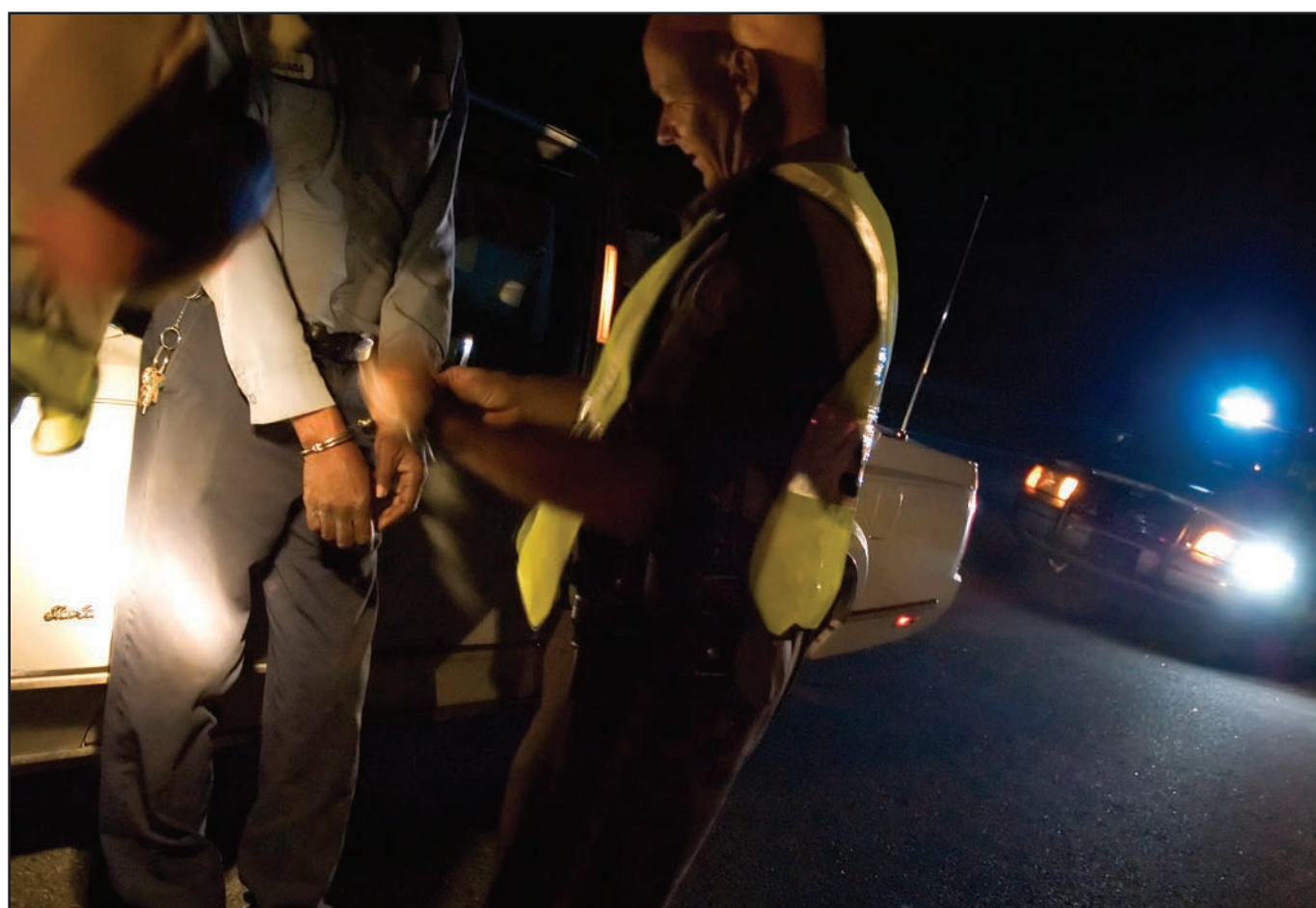
"Freedom of speech is the very life blood of

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JAMES ODOM / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Syndicated talk radio show host Herman Cain gives an animated lecture about American politics in the A&S Auditorium on Sept. 19.

Learning police procedure



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU police and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department join forces to create a traffic checkpoint off highway 441. By the end of the night, the police arrested 17 people including the man above for five open alcohol bottles in his car.

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

Thursday nights have become the pinnacle of the week for students as they flood downtown to celebrate the week's end, but it is also a busy night for the local authorities.

Last Thursday night, GCSU police teamed with the Baldwin County Sheriff's department and police officers from 12 different Georgia agencies in a joint effort to enforce highway safety.

The 53 officers emplaced a traffic checkpoint at the 441 bypass that crosses Allen Memorial Drive, intercepting drivers headed to

and from Milledgeville.

At night's end, officers had issued 36 citations, arrested 17 people, apprehended one fugitive, four misdemeanor drug charges, one felony drug charge, and four DUIs—all in a night's work for local law enforcement.

"You never know what you're going to have on these nights," GCSU detective Robert Butler said. "This is a major state route where many arrests often take place."

Sgt. Rex Morris of Walton County Sheriff's Department also agreed that each night on the job is unpredictable.

"Out here, you don't know what you're going

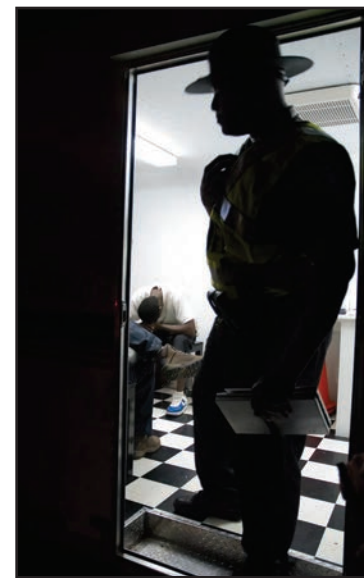
to encounter," Morris said.

First timer

"If he's on something, his eyes will move like this," Justin Gaines illustrated his point using a specialized flashlight. Jamal Hicks listened intently, then proceeded to assist his partner question the pulled over driver.

Thursday was Hicks' third day on the job. Previously, Hicks served for eight years in the U.S. Army before graduating from the police academy on September 14, 2007. Now a GCSU Policeman,

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BRITTANY THOMAS
Police retain a male guilty of a felony drug charge in a portable trailer at the block on Thursday.

Honors Day racks in the awards

BY ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF WRITER

The 56th annual Honors Day Awards were held in Russell Auditorium on April 20, 2007. The tradition recognized prestigious GCSU faculty members who had displayed excellence in their academic field throughout the previous year.

Faculty are nominated by other faculty members, students or supervisors based on the criteria outlined on each award application. Each award has its own committee, which are composed of faculty representatives from each academic school as well as a representative from the library.

"The committee is the one who's reviewed all the materials, compared, and narrowed them down to the top two. They do all the discussion, but the actual voting is secret. Then the recommendation, from the committee, goes forward to Dr. Gormly," Donna Douglas, grants coordinator for Grants and Sponsored Projects, said.

Douglas currently organizes the committee for the Excellence in Research/Publication

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Prestigious professor gets grant to test hypothesis

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

Andrei L. Barkovskii, the associate professor of Microbiology at GCSU, is recognized internationally for his experimentation and his exceptional work in guiding students. His knowledge of microbiology and the world affecting it has brought him heaps of recognition and support from various scientific institutes. He has won many awards, most recently Excellence in Research and



Barkovskii

Publication Award at GCSU.

Moreover, Barkovskii recently received a grant providing financial free-

dom to test a hypothesis that students and himself conceived. Awarded \$45,700 from the National Pork Board and National Sea Grant College Program, he plans to conduct a study on whether swine-feeding and the swine's compost contribute to antimicrobial resistant bacteria in the environment.

However, Barkovskii is not working alone; instead he has formed a team. His team consists

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Foster speaks for women's rights

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
SENIOR REPORTER

For the past three years, the Women's Studies Program of GCSU has sponsored an informative lecture that delivers words of encouragement to the viewing audience.

During the fourth Annual Begemann-Gordon Lecture, the founders of the Women's Studies Program at GCSU were honored. This year's speaker was Dr. Frances Smith Foster who teaches Women's Studies at Emory University.

Dr. Susan Cummings, GCSU's Women's Studies Program coordinator, introduced Foster and revealed that she was a woman of so many accolades they all could not be presented at this time. However, she would not leave without letting the audience know that Foster was a woman with "work ethic and passion for discovery."

Being a very humble speaker, Foster first acknowledged that she was "honored to speak in front

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Droopy drawers in jeopardy

BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

The next time a cop gives you a citation it maybe because your pants are too low.

Atlanta may soon be joining the list of cities that are now cracking down to put an end to the ever trendy baggy pants and ultra low hip huggers that expose your underwear.

A bill is on its way to the legislature and, if passed, offenders will be fined or assigned community service for indecent exposure. The proposed ordinance states that "indecent exposure of his or her undergarments" would be unlawful in public. This will be added as an amendment to the already existing indecency laws in Atlanta which prohibits sex in public and the exposure or touching of private areas.

Such bills are already in effect in numerous cities and state legislatures from Louisiana in the deep-south, Virginia and to New Jersey up north.

Natalie Vinson, a GCSU senior marketing and management major, is a resident of Monroe County, where the "baggy pants" bill is being heavily considered.

"I think that in theory it sounds like a good idea," Vinson said. "But it's a waste of time. There's a lot more things in this world that need to be taken care of than monitoring people's crack".

According to CNN, the baggy pants trend started from prison, and soon made its way mainstream to rap and hip-hop videos and trickled down to trendy clothing stores that

reached the middle-school and high school aged demographic.

Jim Surber, a senior Spanish major, while not a particular follower of the baggy pants trend thinks that by enforcing such rules, the law is worsening the situation.

"I don't think it should be a legal issue," Surber said. "Trying to make an issue out of clothing will just make people want to do it more. It's a statement. If this law is passed people would do it anyway to protest."

Many students can vouch that parents and other people from previous generations would probably rejoice that this new bill would be passed.

"My mom is always telling me to pull my pants up," Brad Quarte, a junior business major, said. "It's not low, but she just doesn't want any boxers showing."

Kathy Tennile, department of music and theatre's administrative assistant, though she would never wear trendy pants herself, is hoping that the bill would not pass.

"I think it is an infringement to your first amendment rights," Tennile said. "If you don't want to see it [underwear], then don't look."

Atlanta councilman C.T. Martin, is one of the strong proponents of this bill. He said that it was a major concern that is plaguing the country.

"Little children see it and want to adopt it, thinking it's the in thing," Martin said. "I don't want young people thinking that half-dressing is the way to go. I want them to think



BROOKE BROOKINS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students around campus are sporting the baggy pants trend. In the next couple of weeks, it may be illegal to sag pants in Atlanta and maybe some day Milledgeville.

Students take a stand

Fight for your right to sag your pants. Certain states have adopted the anti-baggy pants bill and it is currently under consideration in Atlanta. Visit gcsunade.com to comment on the story and post your view.

about their future."

Jennifer Cash, assistant director of GCSU's Career Center, sees the connection of how people like Martin would associate the popular trend to success. Cash advises students on what to do for interviews and impressing people on the job market.

"No one wants to hire a person who comes in like

that," Cash said. "It's all about dressing professionally when you're on the job or looking for one."

Vinson states that laws governing dress code should be handled on a situation basis instead of outlawing it publicly.

"I can understand passing it as a professional guideline," Vinson said. "But not as a public law."

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democracy," Clark said, as students ruffled through the extra credit sign-in sheet circulating around the crowd.

After introducing the event, Clark explained the event was meant as an arena for students to speak their minds, and, if anyone wished to leave at anytime, they could do so.

Almost immediately, 90 percent of the crowd packed up and walked out.

As the finale of Constitution week, the free speech conversation offered students the chance to voice their opinions, share ideas and perspectives and appreciate the benefits granted by the first amendment, yet the majority of students chose apathy over action.

"[Constitution Week] tried to show students that issues do affect them," said Justin Mays, student coordinator of the American Democracy Project. "We have a voice, but, for politicians to pay attention, we need to stand up and speak out."

Of the 30 remaining students who spoke out instead of walking out, the free speech dialogue split into three brainstorming groups, with each group hashing out ideas to help combat student apathy on campus.

As ideas fluttered around the A&S Auditorium, key issues surfaced such as a need for a centralized location for free speech on campus, new mediums for students to speak their minds, and the revival of a GCSU debate team.

Students also supported the continuation of ADP's "Give Us Something To Talk About" message

board, where students could write down their opinion on which issues should be debated.

"The message board really struck a vein—people used it, talked about it and want it to stay around," said Kaufman.

Along with a proposed message board, another way students hope to promote more debate on campus is by stirring up some drama.

Mays and Jason White, chairman of College Republicans, have plans to host a mock presidential debate where students represent each presidential candidates in an issue-specific debate.

"We can insight action by bringing controversy to campus to get people talking," White said. "To reduce apathy on campus, we have to help students get involved."

Involvement and awareness is key when it comes to student political apathy.

"People wonder around with no opinion and until someone challenges them to think, they won't," Mary Ford, a junior computer science major, said.

Tom Andris, junior political science major, believes most students political beliefs stem from their families.

"I think (many students) rely on mom and dad's opinion, not their own," said. "(Most students) are just not in tune with the real world."

Even amid many students affinity towards apathy, the fate of free speech on campus still looks bright.

"(The Free Speech Dialogue) laid the foundation of things to come," Clark said. "We now have very concrete ideas in terms of how and where to stimulate free speech on campus."

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Police

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Hicks will begin his undergraduate studies in criminal justice next January.

"Tonight [Thursday] was pretty exciting," Hicks said. "But, being new, learning everything is kind of frustrating."

As a student, Hicks will study the laws he is sworn to protect as a GCSU police officer.

Gaines, like most officers, appreciates people showing honesty when they're pulled over.

"When people are straight with you, you try to give them a break," Gaines said. "Honesty always goes a long way."

GCSU police hosted and organized the road check, the first time they have ever done so. Middle Georgia police enforce a road check once a month.

GCSU police Lt. Joe Grant was undaunted by Thursday night's task.

"I think the roadblock was great success," Grant said. "At least for the night, we made Baldwin County's roads a safer place."

Prior to hitting the street, the officers ate dinner

together and received a word of encouragement from Ken Vance. Vance, who previously served as GCSU's director of Public Safety, is now the executive director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

"It's your duty to uphold the honor of your badge," Vance said.

Seldom do police from separate agencies work together at such a scale. It's a unique opportunity for officers to build camaraderie and observe different styles of law enforcement.

Women

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of the founders" of such an amazing program. After a brief thanks for being invited to speak at this year's program, Foster begins her speech by telling the audience what they will receive from her lecture.

"Reconstruction of memory is important for everyone of us," not just women or African Americans, Foster said.

While mentioning the key points of her speech, she tells the audience that they should "do their own research," and "question age old rules."

Recognizing the past in the present and one's self in society is how "women's studies leads to critical thinking." This critical thinking allows the uncovering of inaccuracy to occur. After her brief synopsis, she revealed the title of her lecture, which was "Researching, Rememory, and Antebellum African American Women Writers."

"If there is to be a future, we must remember the past," Foster said. She also revealed that there are several ways to study the past; however, she chose antebellum work of women writers as her research

material.

While she is very supportive of her studies, she was very firm in letting the audience know that women's studies was not demeaning or rejecting other theories. She believes that ultimately, all studies should work together to create a "useful diversity."

Foster then simplifies her entire speech in three distinct breakdowns. "Researching" is finding the "primary sources" which can be facts or untruth. "Rememory" is remembering memories that at times "even good parts can be awful." And last but not least, Foster concentrates on the "Antebellum African American Women Writers" who do not often get the praise they deserve.

After she was done with her speech, she was willing to answer any question that the audience was willing to ask.

"That is a good question," Foster said, after being asked what initially brought about her love for women's studies and discovering the truth.

"Curiosity brought about the passion I have today," Foster said.

Even as a young girl she remembers always being more interested in the story line than the actual actors presenting the story.

Simply by living life she has realized that "facts and thoughts change with time and place." The only way to keep up with the facts is to constantly continue to research and find the truth even if it is changing before one's eyes.

While it is evident that Foster is intrigued by her studies, at the end of her speech so were several GSCU students.

Sarah Jones, an English graduate student, said that she was "interested in the topic of the lecture because of her love for Toni Morrison." Through out the lecture, Jones found that many of Foster's example of rememory were supported through Morrison's works.

"The message was very important," said Robert Galyean, a junior English major, "it is important to remember where you came from."

Athena Smith, who is a senior history major, believes that "women's studies are soon going to influence history."

Thanks to the Women's Studies Program and the co-sponsors, Phi Kappa Phi and the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, this wonderful lecture was brought to GCSU and has been greatly appreciated.

Honors

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Award, as well as the Artistic Endeavor Award.

"There are three recipients of the Research/Publication [Award] and one of the Artistic Endeavor. [All awards are granted] for the previous calendar year, and are selected in February. The committee takes it very seriously. They're pretty competitive," Douglas said.

After approval for award has been granted, Academic Affairs notifies the GCSU Foundation.

"The money supporting the award comes from the

Foundation," Douglas said. The GCSU Foundation works closely with Academic Affairs in planning Honors Day.

"The Foundation is the primary fundraising arm of the institution. We support the faculty awards with monetary gifts and other tokens when they're selected," Amy Nitsche, vice president for External Relations and University Advancement, said.

Money is raised through fundraisers such as the Phonathon which is currently going on now through November. The Phonathon is run by students who call alumni asking for their support.

"We do traditional fundraising [by] asking for support from Foundations and Corporations, and Alumni and Friends to support. Some of that money is used for these awards. These were the awards that the GCSU Foundation supports," Nitsche said.

The faculty members are recognized at the annual Honors Day program for their distinguished marks and contributions they have done throughout the previous year. Last April, seven awards were presented to eleven faculty members and one program.

"It's things that they do above and beyond their faculty duties," Douglas said.

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of Candace Coleman, Aredla Srikanthredy, and Lashaundra Pierce.

Coleman, a second year grad student, plans to use this experiment as her master thesis. A lot of the background research was supplemented by previous student Ahmet Bozdog, who is currently at North Carolina State. The experiments results will be important for environmental safety and effective in these students' futures.

According to Barkovskii, the experiment, including data-analysis and interpretation, should take about two years to complete. He plans to start in work in May 2008, and wants to finish by May 2009. If they need to, the team can apply for an extension, but the process may take another year.

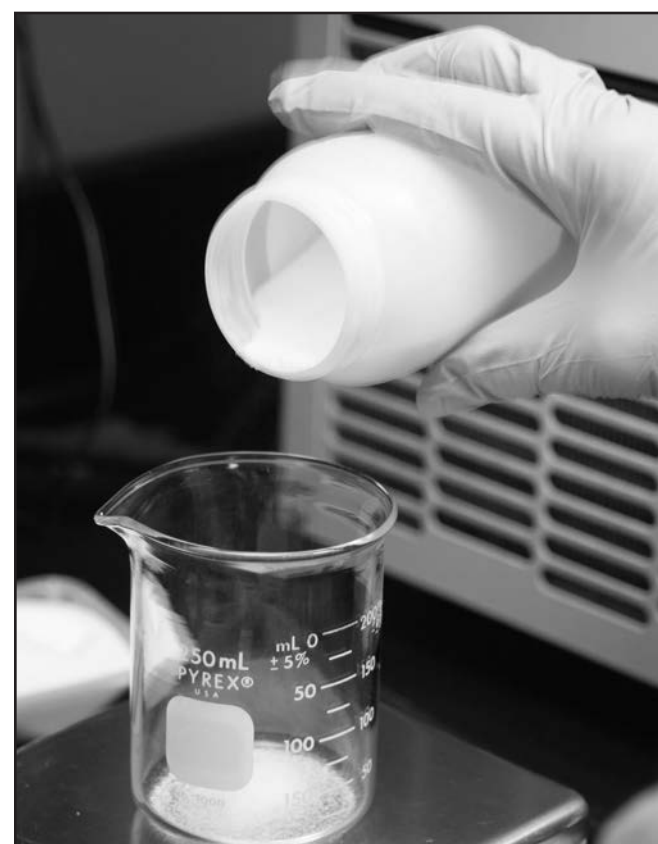
"An extension to continue working depends on what we want and what we get," Barkovskii said.

The process of receiving a grant is tedious and wearisome. When asked how time consuming it is to apply for a grant, Barkovskii says, "Oh yes, it is extremely hard. Applying takes immense previous research."

While applying to get a grant you have to fill out a great deal of paperwork, as well as explain in detail your plans for the experiment.

"Usually 1/20 to 1/30 gets the grant. It is a lot of work to present ideas right to be given the grant and receive support from the right agency," Barkovskii said.

According to Barkovskii and his students, this experiment is imperative because of



AUSTIN CABOT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of Dr. Andrei Barkovskii's students prepares a gel solution in the lab. Barkovskii has been awarded a grant from the National Pork Board to conduct a study.

environmental importance and public health concerns. If the swine's waste affects the antimicrobial resistant bacteria in the environment, the cleanliness of water conditions must be questioned, as well as the soil in which our food grows.

The team will be traveling to present their experiment in Boston, Mass., and in Spain. Candace Coleman will be representing the experiment as her graduate thesis in Boston in June 2008. Professor Barkovskii will be going to Spain to introduce the test, assembling with many other international professors.

Overall, from the Saratov Institute of Medicine in Russia to GCSU, Barkovskii has been an effective teacher and a master in his skill. His teaching has empow-

ered many students and inspired others.

"He has been a true inspiration to me especially in the way he has influenced me to become a more confident lab researcher," Coleman said. "Although he is a very demanding professor, Dr. Barkovskii inspires his students to work hard and take pride in their work/results. He is a great teacher, who applies real scientific research into his lectures to make them more interesting."

His experiments are relevant to the environmental concerns of today and continue to question things that will largely affect our ecosystem. The findings of this experiment, along with the other two projects also being carried out right now, will largely affect aspects of our natural world.

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BY JAMES ODOM



Moderate parties a must for America



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

In the wake of the racial feuding in Jena, La., Georgia's Government of Bureau Investigations Chief has recommended to the Georgia legislature to pass a law against hate crimes. This sounds great. We all hate hate. So a law against hate crimes sounds like a wonderful thing. And what's more, is that Georgia is currently one of only five states in the Union without hate crime laws on the books. Obviously we need to get with the program so we can dispose of the hate in our state.

Hate crimes are defined as crimes committed against individuals because they are a part of a social group usually defined by race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, nationality, age, gender, gender identity, or political affiliation. In short, you will be charged with a hate crime if you intentionally cause harm to someone who is different than you.

It sounds like a good idea to crack down on hate. But there are a few problems that present themselves. The juries will now have to try to read the defendant's mind to know if their crime was inspired by hate. This law could also cause anger between the different social groups. When crimes are commit-

ted against certain people they carry harsher punishments than crimes committed against others. For instance, a crime committed against a disabled person could be listed as a hate crime while a crime committed against a non-disabled person would likely not be listed as a hate crime. This could lead non-disabled individuals to feel that the law believes they are less valuable because crimes committed against them carry lesser punishments.

What is really scary about this law is that it has the ability to easily limit freedom of speech. Philadelphia had a taxpayer funded Gay Pride parade on their streets in 2004. Eleven people led a counter-demonstration where they called homosexuality a sin. While that was probably very impolite of them, it didn't seem as though they had broken a law. They never directly talked to the participants in the Gay Pride parade and they didn't do anything to physically harm the proud participants. It came as a complete surprise to the religious protesters when they were handcuffed and taken off to prison for a hate crime. In the end they were charged with three felonies and five misdemeanors. If they were found guilty on all charges then they would face 47 years in prison and \$90,000 in fines each.

Because of Pennsylvania's ridiculous hate crime laws, those 11 peaceful protesters were threatened by imprisonment until the year 2054. The District Attorney prosecuting the case even argued that these 11 protesters engaged in "ethnic intimidation" under the

claim that homosexuality composes a person's ethnicity. One of the co-defendants, a seventy-five-year-old grandmother named Arlene Elshinnaway said, "In my case, pretty ironic that I would be charged with 'ethnic intimidation'." Elshinnaway, an African-American, couldn't believe that a peaceful protest advocating her religion could be misconstrued as ethnically intimidating.

In the end, a judge ruled that the hate crimes law was applied wrongly in this case and let the defendants off scott free. But it doesn't change the fact that 11 American citizens were nearly imprisoned for almost five decades just for voicing their religious views. This leads me to wonder where the line gets drawn. If a church held a parade supporting the integration of church and state, and an atheist group peacefully protested, would the atheists be thrown in prison for 47 years? Possibly, but I sure hope not. I don't mean to sound like a Constitutionalist like Ron Paul, but if the first amendment says you have the right to peacefully assemble, then I think you actually should have the right to peacefully assemble.

Let's face it folks, we are Americans. And as Americans, I think we should be able to think any darn thing we want. If anyone reading this wants the government to control what they can and can't think then they need to move to the USSR. Wait, the USSR no longer exists because the Russians got fed up with their government dictating their thoughts and actions. Hate

Crime laws are the first step towards complete government ownership of your mind. Arlene Elshinnaway proved the absurdity of hate crimes when she said, "Truth is hate to those who hate the truth."

Every now and then the friendly traveling evangelist, Brother Micah, will grace our campus and declare that we're all going to hell. He voices his opinion in the college's free speech zone and he's certainly entitled to that. At one of his visits last year, the Gay Straight Alliance members passed out literature about their organization to peacefully protest Brother Micah. And I think that's wonderful. Everybody should have the freedom to peacefully voice contrary opinions. But I can't help but wonder if a hate crimes law passes and a student organization protests Micah would they be put in handcuffs like those eleven peaceful protesters in Philadelphia? I don't know, and frankly I don't think we can afford to risk it with this law.

The whole point of hate crimes laws are to protect who the government considers minorities. But the true failure of this law is that it encompasses every person as part of a group and not as an individual. Philosopher Ayn Rand was far ahead of her time when she proclaimed, "The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders of minorities."

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Our Voice

Too much focus on celebs?

Britney Spears. Lindsay Lohan. Michael Vick. These are the names that fill our ears everyday as we eat dinner, study for our classes, and hang out with friends. Other names such as O.J. Simpson, Paris Hilton, and Barry Bonds permeate conversations that fill the air as students sit around the lunch table. But as we spend our time discussing, criticizing, and condemning these celebrities, let's ask ourselves some simple questions: why do we expect so much from these celebrities that are human just like us? Why do we view these mortals that grace our screens and walls as gods?

Some would say that with the publicity, the fame and the money that these celebrities receive they should be role models for youth and moral pillars of society. But is it realistic to hold these celebrities to unrealistic standards that no human on Earth can uphold?

Barry Bonds, the famous baseball player who broke Hank Aaron's home run record, was hounded and scorned by the media for his "alleged" steroids use in pursuit of the record. Although he grew in size considerably since his rookie season and testified in court that he unknowingly used steroids, he currently has not been charged of knowingly taking steroids by either Major League Baseball or the federal government. Yet he was dragged through the mud by the media and was convicted in the court of public opinion by millions of Americans. He became the poster boy for steroid use without ever being found guilty.

In all of our time of judging Barry Bonds, did we consider that his family was enduring all of the criticism as well? No, we did not. Nor did we consider that although Michael Vick's actions against dogs were particularly heinous and evil, which cannot be rationalized in any respect, they did not result in a possible loss of human life like Paris Hilton's DUI charge, for which she served 23 days.

Are we treating these celebrities fairly? Why are celebrities held to such meteoric regards? This is the answer. This is the reason that Michael Vick is such the enemy of the nation beyond the gruesome acts portrayed in the indictment. Celebrities are seen by this nation and even all over the world as larger-than-life and methods of escape for the world for which we can find no way out. They look forward to football games every Sunday where Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons creates electrifying plays with his feet. They look to Paris Hilton's next gala party with celebrities and alcohol filling the club.

We look to these people as our role models and when they let us down because our unrealistic and ridiculous expectations, we put on condemnation and judgment like flip flops and a white T-shirt and we destroy people's lives because we demand better out of them. But think about this. If you pursued your dream of stardom as an actor, an actress or an athlete, would you agree to paparazzi following you around every minute of every day? Would you be ok with millions of people looking for every mistake that you make in hopes of judging you and being the first to witness your fall? We wouldn't. Consider that when you open the next People or watch E!News. And look at celebrities as they really are, human beings just like us.

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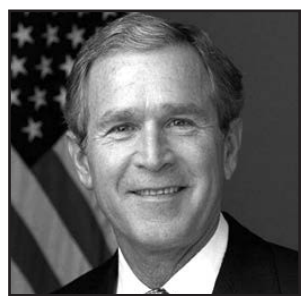
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No student above the rules

Dear Editor,

After reading the initial article regarding Mr. Crafton and the confiscated firearms, I had to wonder - was this an incident of ignorance, or an unwillingness to follow GCSU's code of conduct? Several weeks and editorials later, I'm still leaning toward the latter.

Every student who has lived in University Housing (this includes the recently renamed The Village at West Campus) has been issued a student handbook at least once, and was expected to read and understand it. Inside this handbook, it clearly states that firearms are amongst the forbidden objects, and it's no shock to me -- what on earth would a student need firearms on campus for? Nothing!

They pose a danger to students, regardless of the disposition of their owner. Let's say you just happen to leave your handgun in your car at 6 p.m. upon returning from the firing range. At 3 a.m., your drunk roommate calls and begs for a ride. You've been sleeping or busy for the past several hours, so you don't even think about the gun. While you're watching the dark road, trying to get back on the bypass and back to the Village before dawn, your

roommate pockets the weapon. Even if your roommate's not a nut, a person with a gun is not something that is welcome or safe on campus!

Even if nothing happens, even if all your weapons are properly licensed and secured, you are still in violation of a major rule. No rational person would expect to avoid punishment. By living here, you agreed to follow the code of conduct/housing handbook or be subject to the penalties. It doesn't matter that it was a mistake, with no malicious intent. Another person could claim the same mistake, and if they go free, the consequences could be dire.

As a Criminal Justice major and (reportedly) an aspiring officer of the law, you should have been aware of the rules and willing to follow them. Just because someone has ambition, they are not above the law. I have ambition; I'd like to handle network security for the Department of Defense. That doesn't mean I'm going to violate the tech policy on campus and then have my friends throw a fit when I get boot-ed off the network. I'd LIKE to have a router in my apartment the same way you'd LIKE to have your

guns here. Neither of us are allowed these privileges because of their detrimental effect (immediate or potential) on other students. I don't know about you, but I let it drop at that.

Some were concerned about the mention of the VT incident in the original article. Read the article again and look at the context in which it is mentioned. The VT incident is mentioned as a reason for the report to have been taken so seriously. We're still on edge. We could see the parallels between VT and GCSU - friendly, beautiful campuses set in quiet, supposedly safe, small towns. Something like that hits home, and of course we're going to take precautions! Even without the direct mention of VT, just the mention of an armed student on campus would have had people visualizing VT anyway. It hasn't even been six months.

I'm really sick of people defending the person and ignoring the violation. If you break a rule, deal with the consequences, and tell your friends to shut up about it already!

Sincerely,

Jamie Howard
Senior
Criminal Justice

Administration bombs again

Dear Editor,

As a recent graduate of GCSU, I received my diploma in the mail today. I was horrified to see the condition with which it was mailed to me - a flimsy envelope that was poorly sealed. This alone was reason for worry.

I was then very upset with the blatantly cheap quality of the diploma itself. After four years of very hard work and dedication to this school, not to mention the thousands of dollars the State of Georgia and my family paid for my education, you can certain-

ly understand my utter reaction of both fury and lament when met with such an egregiously unimpressive diploma.

It is positively ridiculous to wait four months for a diploma that lacks any and all aestheticism, let alone one which commands prestige. This is yet another deplorable mistake on the part of this administration - an administration lost in a cul-de-sac of their own internal self-righteousness - another failure in a long line of poorly-placed budget cuts, underpaid professors, an often-absent and obscurant University

President, and a mountain of red tape ever-looming over a system already foundering from the weight of oppressive regulation.

This diploma is a seemingly feckless piece of paper, one lacking the gravitas this student expects from an internationally acclaimed university. I trust this situation will be rectified before it is yet another excuse to eradicate this school from the short list of contenders.

Regrettably,

Jena A. Simonds
Alumna, Class of 2007
Mass Communication

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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Poll of the Week

Do you wish more GCSU athletic events took place at GCSU?

- 75% - Yes
- 8% - No
- 17% - I am indifferent



Next week's question:

Have you or will you have to drop a class this semester?

Vote online at gcsunade.com

Got more to say? Let us know in a letter to the editor!



What would you change about the U.S. Constitution?



"I like it how it is. It's been solid for a couple hundred years. It gives us our rights and our freedom."

Andrew Mochrie, freshman, education



"I don't have any problems with The Constitution, just the way it is enforced."

Bren Thomas, sophomore, theatre



"The President needs the power to declare war without Congress. If he declares war without congress, six months later he should be impeached."

Josh Lavender, senior, English



"I would make the President only serve for two years."

Kristen Garrett, sophomore, education



"I just think it would have been better if our idiot of a President would have had to ask Congress before entering Iraq."

Sibyl Jackson, freshman, fine studio arts



"I would definitely include some anti-abortion laws."

Zane Wind, sophomore, mass communication

Reported by James Odom

The Litter Box



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Mornings ruin great nights.

If Bobcat Village is supposed to offer high-speed internet, then why did it take me 10 mins to post this! My bedridden grandma runs faster!

People at The Grove need to start picking up their dog's poop. I'm tired of stepping in that... crap.

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The Colonnade's Guide to Art and Entertainment

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Video games an obsession for students

BY SALEM COOK
STAFF REPORTER

Video games generate hours of entertainment, helping people zone into a fantasy world created by the gaming industry. Students at GCSU spend hours on computers or staring into the television everyday. However, there may be more social interaction connected to video games than one might think.

Since the introduction of the Sega Dreamcast, video games have been best enjoyed over the internet. The trend of spending long hours playing these games piggy backed onto the gaming revolution. Presently, the Xbox 360 and the PC dominate the market with games such as "Halo" and "World of Warcraft." In this setup people become personal with the façade of a warrior. Brendan Kelly, a freshman computer science major, lists "Counter-Strike" as one of his favorites to play online.

"There's nothing that you can't do (playing

online)," said Kelly. "You can type and talk to other people, you are only hindered by what you can't see."

A study done by Stanford University in 2006, found that computer habits could be addicting. Although there is no affirmative diagnosis, computer compulsion is taking a big chunk of time out of students' days. Kelly feels that it is time well spent.

"I play because it's something that I enjoy and that I'm good at," said Kelly. "Most of the games I play are with other people, and I like the interaction."

Kelly was obviously not alone. A trail of people set-up camp in front of the Game Stop Monday because at midnight "Halo 3" hit the shelves for purchase. A crowd had formed by eight o'clock.

Nearly 200 video game enthusiasts eagerly waited past the GNC (General Nutrition Center) to pick up their own copy of the

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'Sylvia' a dog-gone good time

The play "Sylvia" is being presented by the GCSU Department of Music and Theatre. The play stars Scott Howard as Greg (left), whose relationship with his wife Kate, played by Elisha Hodgkin (right), is threatened when he adopts a stray dog named Sylvia, played by Maria Victoria Perez.

The play runs from Sept. 26 to 29 at 8 p.m. and also Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. in Russell Auditorium. General admission is \$12. Senior citizens, non-GCSU students, GCSU faculty and staff tickets are \$8 and GCSU students \$4.

Look for a full article and review of "Sylvia" in the next issue, which comes Oct. 5.

Visiting artist offers a different view of Katrina



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Jose Torres Tama performed his signature art performance that demonstrated the ravages of Hurricane Katrina.

BY MATT BAUM
STAFF REPORTER

The room was hot and the air was stale. The number of people in the room was double what would have been a comfortable amount. A low murmur went hand-in-hand with the faint smell of sweat that grew stronger by the minute. A girl lay crying loudly on the floor, trying to convince herself out loud that everything would be alright. The people in the room seemed less than confident.

This was not the sight someone would expect at GCSU on a Thursday night, at least not this early on a Thursday night. The location of this scene would seemingly be reserved for a refugee camp, much like the one the Superdome became after Hurricane

Katrina struck, but was actually a converted room in the Wooten-Garner House just across from the Old Governor's Mansion.

The whimpering woman had replaced two much more vocal and direct women, who were clad in trash bags. The women asked for help and even went as far as to shouting at the crowd, "Why am I invisible to you?!" The realism of the performance and the atmosphere had some people second-guessing their convictions. One spectator even said that "watching it was uncomfortable," a sentiment likely shared by many others.

The presentation had begun with the anxious and curious crowd filing into three rooms which had been converted into one.

In the center of the room was a light installment that

projected several different colors to all the different murals and pieces around the room. To the immediate right was a painting on the wall of numerous hands encompassed in flames reaching toward the ceiling. To the left was a painting of a face the size of the wall outlined in skulls.

On the back wall was an outline of a house painted with pictures of destruction caused by Katrina inside and next to that was a woman staring dazed and aimlessly into a television made of air filters and cigarette butts with a few pictures of destruction scattered about it.

Into what would have been the next room is where all the action took place. Just around the face outlined in skulls was the painting of a blue female figure with flowing hair

standing up out of water and garbage holding a box containing the word "HOPE." Still more paintings depicted people several feet below the top of the waves, looking up, as in desperation. As the people slowly made their way around the room, a violinist in the front played "America, the Beautiful" softly, even questioningly.

Further to the right was an entire wall painted in red, which read at the top, "Open Letter to FEMA and the Bush team." Only through the observation of nearly every bit of wall space did the motivation of the piece Jose Torres Tama named "The Cone of Uncertainty: New Orleans after Katrina" becomes clear. The destructive nature of Hurricane Katrina

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A healthy lifestyle change

BY MARY ZEHNER
STAFF WRITER

Students, staff and faculty alike are gearing up to bring it down. The number on the scale that is. Friday kick started GCSU's second Fitness Factor program for participants who want to learn how to live a healthier life.

"It kinda' came off the idea of the biggest loser but I didn't want to focus on weight loss solely. We wanted to focus on total fitness which included strength, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improvement in BMI," said Amy Whatley, program coordinator for the Depot.

Fitness Factor is a ten week program that challenges participants to overhaul their fitness and dieting habits in order to live a healthier, happier life.

Fitness Factor requires two hours a week with a personal trainer, attending one health education program, a before-and-after physical and attending five team challenges.

Whatley has high hopes about bringing fitness education to the campus through this and other programs.

"Exercise and fitness doesn't have to be a chore," Whatley said. "The better we live now, the longer we'll live later."

For some participants, Fitness Factor is a continuation of previous healthy habits. Junior Stephen Ramminger is no stranger to hard work and exercise. He lost approximately 120 pounds in the last half of high school.

Ramminger attributes his loss to staying athletic and to the support he received from his parents. But this time around, Ramminger knows that a healthy way of life is not just a ten week commitment.

"It's a lifestyle change to lose weight," said Ramminger. "Especially to keep it off."

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Juggling class and free time...



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
(L-R) GCSU math professor Jason Stover and sophomore Rachel Stern are frequently seen juggling colorful bowling pins and other objects on Front Campus. Anyone is encouraged to join them on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

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popular video game during its debut. Some stretched out in lawn chairs while others idly stood answering trivia questions for prizes. Bilal Mukati, a senior accounting major, was in line for over three hours waiting for the unveiling.

"I waited four hours at Gwinnett Place Mall for 'Halo 2,'" said Mukati. "It wouldn't be the same getting it any later. Everyone's getting all jacked up. ('Halo 3') is the most anticipated game since video games were created."

Although Mukati usually only plays two hours a day, he plans to make an exception for the following weekend.

"Me and three of my friends will probably finish the game either Saturday or Sunday," said Mukati. "There is no telling how many hours that could take."

Regardless of their enjoyment, both Mukati and Kelly make an extra effort to ensure that video games do not run their lives.

"I make sure that I finish whatever school work I have due before I play," said Kelly. "If someone tells me of something going on, I just put the controller down. I don't let the game control my life."

Kelly can not predetermine when video games will depart from his life,

but he assumes sometime after he gets a job that requires more of his time. Matt Nicks, a senior marketing major, thinks that the end of his video game career is a little further off. "It's never going to end," said Nicks, a "Tiger Woods" enthusiast. "Not until I lose the use of my hands."



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
(L-R) Evan Creasy and Nick Marks prepare to play an intense game of "Halo 3" in the Student Activities Center.

Fitness

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Many Fitness Factor participants joined to work out with a group.

"You know you walk into the depot and you set up on a treadmill and you have no idea who people are," Ramminger said. "You run next to someone that runs a little bit faster, you're gonna' run a little bit faster. You run a little bit faster, they run a little bit faster."

"I don't workout a lot," said Lori Pierce, junior music education major. "Mostly because I don't like going alone."

During the first team challenge on Friday, there was quite a bit of talk about teamwork and getting to know one another. With students, staff and faculty all participating together, the challenge gives people the opportunity to put names with faces according to staff member Sara Faircloth.

"It's really cool to be out here with students, people that you see their names all the time but you don't really know who they are. And so it's just fun getting out of the routine of every



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE
Junior creative writing major Ben Beutjer balances across a beam during the Fitness Factor's first team challenge.

day," said Faircloth.

Faircloth also looks forward to personal achievement during the challenge.

"I've accomplished a lot of things during my life. This is one thing I have yet to accomplish," Faircloth said.

The reasons for joining Fitness Factor range from team building, to weight loss and toning up, all the way to surprising parents.

"Well it was kind of to get myself healthy ... but the big thing was to surprise my father," said Ben Beutjer, junior creative writing major. "He thinks

that I'm never gonna' lose weight or anything like that so I wanted to prove to him that I can do that kind of stuff, and that I can definitely lose weight."

After ten weeks, the Fitness Factor teams will be evaluated on their overall improvement and prizes will be awarded to the most improved team and individual.

For more information about health education programs offered on campus, visit the Wellness Depot's Web site at info.gcsu.edu/intranet/depot.

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was only topped by the negligence of the government that was supposed to protect the city and people of New Orleans.

"I offer this performance experience as one of many perspectives on the storm from a survivor," Tama said in his program. "It is my hope that this creative response can be used as a clarion call to question a government that has a disturbing habit of lying to its people."

Many of the people at the

performance shared Tama's sentiments. With the crayons that were made available people had written on the wall such things as "where's my government?" and "does your incompetence know no bound?" One spectator summed up his or her frustrations simply by writing the word "ignorance." The wall was not the only open criticism to the federal government.

"New Orleans is having trouble surviving all the odious lies," Tama said.

But despite the serious connotations to death and

destruction during the evening, Tama was not afraid to amuse his audience by making fun of himself and others.

"I got out of New Orleans in a stolen school bus," Tama said in the introduction to his performance. "Please step forward and smell the evacuee," Tama said looking up and holding his hands out. With this, the crowd offered a loud, if not nervous, laugh.

The performance offered an insightful and original perspective to the catastrophe that happened in New Orleans two years ago.

Tama was able to convey a feeling of bitterness and optimism all at the same time. The standing-room-only crowd got a first hand look at just what the people of New Orleans went through and how they viewed the actions—or lack thereof—of the government they depended on.

"I was at Bobcat Village when it happened," said Matt Dumiak, a senior Economics major. "The response time was unforgivable, if I was there, but I wasn't knee deep in water. The installation seemed right on."

The effectiveness of the performance one Tama called an "installation-based live-action" piece, hinged on the production of the students that worked on it.

"I am grateful for everything, especially the students, who created some very imaginative and daring art," Tama said in closing.

His feelings were shared by the students and faculty that worked on the piece with him.

"He's amazing and so passionate about his stuff," said Taryn Giles, a junior

art major. "Everyone really got into it after hearing him tell about his plans."

Giles had created the piece called "Filtration." She was the dazed girl staring watching TV made of different kind of filters.

"The piece is supposed to convey the message of how the media filters out the most important stuff."

And that was the ultimate goal of Tama in his presentation as he presented his complete view of the events of Katrina without filtering anything out, whether the viewer liked it or not.

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Sports

The Colonnade's Guide to Athletics and Recreation

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Section Editor, Corey Dickstein

'Cats stay hot; rout UAH 5-0



BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF WRITER

Even the midday sun did not compare to the hottest team on campus.

On Saturday, the Bobcat soccer team continued the blazing start to its season by defeating the University of Alabama at Huntsville 5-0. The dominating performance pushed their record to 5-1 this season.

Obviously, expectations for the 2007 team are above average.

"I certainly hoped for (the good start), in fact I had hoped to beat Montevallo and be 6-0 right now," Head Coach Robert Parr said. "I knew this would be our deepest team yet in terms of talent."

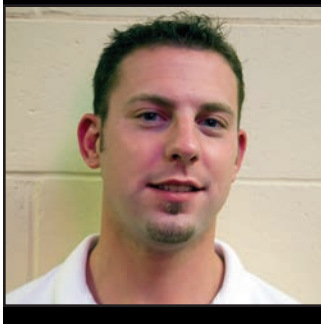
Junior forward Hayley Ferrell added to her team-leading goal total, with her seventh, very early in the match. This would prove to be the game-winner, as UAH never mounted a serious threat. The first half was a back-and-forth

AUSTIN CABOT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior forward Jeni Day battles for the ball with a University of Alabama at Huntsville player last Saturday. Day scored her first goal of the season in the match, helping the Bobcats beat UAH 5-0 at home.

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Sport is defined in Webster's dictionary as an athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and often of a competitive nature.

So I pose this question today: is fishing a sport?

Believe it or not there is a lot more to fishing than throwing a line with a lure out into the water. There are many types of fishing, and there are different types of lures, lines, reels and rods for different species of fish and different styles of catching those fish.

So, that establishes that fishing certainly requires an enormous amount of skill.

What about physical prowess?

Well, this is an interesting aspect to the question, to which I would say there is a certain physical prowess involved in fishing.

From personal experience I can tell you that in certain types of fishing you have to be pretty strong to fight them. I had the opportunity to travel to Alaska a few years back for a week of salmon and halibut fishing, and let me tell you that pulling in a 60-pound king salmon is no walk-in-the-park. Even in the cool temperatures of a rainy, summer afternoon in Kenai, Alaska, a big fish like that will have you sweating.

Next question: does fishing have a competitive nature?

The answer to that is that it can be. Fishing tournaments have become a pretty big deal.

I know fishing can be a sit-back-and-relax activity but even ESPN covers the BASSMASTER series of bass fishing tournaments.

So, I am going to say that fishing is in fact a sport, and, if you are interested in some competitive fishing, you are in luck.

The GCSU Athletics Department is hosting a bass fishing tournament on Wednesday at Little River Park on Lake Sinclair, called the BobcatBass Tournament.

It costs \$100 per boat to enter and their a cash prizes for the winners.

For more information contact the GCSU Athletics Department at 478-445-6341.

Sports terms to play by

BY DANIEL TROUTMAN
STAFF REPORTER

Students spend hours studying statistics, math modeling, sociology, English and other classes to fulfill their diploma requirements everyday. Sadly, with all that academic information filling up their brains, there is little room for the knowledge and terminology that really matters in this information-driven age: sports terminology.

This week random students were asked several sports terms related to different sports such as encroachment, ground rule double, intentional grounding and others in an effort to test their sports knowledge.

The results were inter-

esting, to say the least.

"What is offsides?"

"It is when...ooohh...I know the term. Is it when the people move before they're supposed to?"

"Uhh...partially correct."

Libby Ellis, a senior psychology major, felt that she knew some of the terms asked of her, especially golf terms.

"I recognized all the words," she said. "But I like live sports. I don't really like to watch it on TV."

Katherine Roberts, a sophomore, found herself not knowing much about football terms but knowing some golf and tennis terms.

"I know what's going on but I don't know ... the terms," she said. "I

guess you should probably know what's going on (during a game)."

Obviously sports terminology is not more important to memorize than the information that students must learn on a daily and weekly basis. But to some students sports knowledge comes easy and smoothly. Corey Wilson, a sophomore mathematics major, displayed his sports terminology prowess.

"Intentional grounding is when the quarterback throws the ball to the ground when he's not out of the pocket," Wilson answered. He also answered questions about encroachment, slide-

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ANDREA GRIFFIN / SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Jen Keeton practices for the Lady Bobcat's meet at Augusta State University last Saturday.

Cross Country squads show well at Augusta State

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU cross country squads spent last Saturday battling stiff competition at the Jaguar Invitational hosted by Augusta State University.

The women's team mustered a third place finish among 15 teams, while the men placed fifth of eight teams.

Head Coach Joe Samprone was pleased with both teams performances.

"The women, especially, are running really well right now," Samprone said. "Nova Southeastern (University) was ranked No. 8 in the South Region and our women's team beat

them. I did check the rankings as of (Sept. 25) and Nova is still in there and we are not, but our women's team ran very well."

Nova placed fourth in the meet with a total time of 2:17:13, GCSU posted a time of 2:16:34, finishing behind Peach Belt Conference rivals Columbus State University, who placed first, and ASU.

Junior Bonnie Ueltzen paced the Lady Bobcats with a time of 26:44, good enough for a tenth place overall finish. It was the first time Ueltzen led the team this season. Freshmen Dani Destiche finished

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Flag football in full stride



ANDREA GRIFFIN / SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER

Two intramural flag football participants battle at West Campus last week. Turn to page 10 for information The Colonnade has compiled on the top men's flag football teams so far this season.

Upcoming Sports

Soccer:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. @ Armstrong
Wednesday 7 p.m. USC- Aiken

Cross-Country:

Saturday @ Mercer

Golf:

Mon. - Tues. Tourn. @ Columbus St.

Women's Tennis:

Fri. - Sun. GCSU Women's Tourn.

Stat of the Week

1,348

The number of hits the Thundercats new website has generated to date. Check the paper next week to see what the Thundercats are up to.

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Top performing teams in men's flag football

Still undefeated ... One loss ...

Men A League

White out
EZ Company
Bearbacks

Men B League

Stallions
I Forgot ... Again
Cawks
Trapstarz
Global Warming
Your Mom Makes Good
Breakfast

Residence Hall Men League

The Lite Knights
Spitting Llamas
Fantastic 14

Men A League

Pike
Kappa Alpha
Michael Vick Experience

Men B League

Crouching Cougar Hidden Menace
Improv
Death Row
Kansas City Shuffle
6 Feet Deep

Residence Hall Men League

Free Ron Mexico

Cross Country

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right behind her with a time of 26:47.

"A lot of the girls are running well," Samprone said. "The top finishers change every week, which is presenting me with all kinds of difficulties, but it's a good thing."

Samprone is excited about his women's team because so many of the women are pushing to be top competitors.

"When it gets down to the end of the season you can only run a limited number of runners in a race," Samprone said. "I still haven't sorted out, down through about number seven or eight, because it changes week to week."

On the men's side Samprone feels like his team is showing the signs of improvement.

"Our men's team is very deep with talent," Samprone said. "Josh Hollar, a sophomore, is running really well, you can watch Josh becoming a stronger runner every race from last fall and (Senior) Richard Dobson is one of those guys that wants to win it all. (He) not only wants to beat everyone on his team, he wants to win regionals and even nationals."

Hollar and Dobson lead the way for the Bobcats. Hollar posted a 36:54 good for fifteenth and Dobson placed seventeenth overall

with a mark of 37:12

"(Dobson's) desire and dedication are what every coach wants," Samprone said. "The fact that (Hollar) beat him last week means that he is just going to run a better race this week."

Dobson feels like he has room to improve personally, but that the team is coming on strong when it counts.

"I feel like I haven't lived up to expectations yes this year," Dobson said. "My goal is to do the best I can by conference and region. The team, though, has done pretty good, you know, it's tough and we've had a really tough schedule with a lot of consecutive races and that can just really take a toll on you, but the team is coming together."

The PBC meet is slated for Oct. 20 at ASU and the regional meet will take place Nov. 3.

"It's all practice until we get to conference on Oct. 20," Samprone said. "Unlike the other sports where the play a conference schedule, we don't do that. We get together once and that's on Oct. 20."

First, the squads head to Macon for the Georgia Collegiate Championships hosted by Mercer University on Saturday.

"This race is really exciting, it's our closest meet, and because we don't have a home course, it is kind of like our home meet," Dobson said. "We get a lot of spectators from Georgia college and it really is fun."

Sports terms

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tackling and yellow cards in soccer.

Concerning sports terminology, Wilson said to him it's important that people know the terms or else it could result in an embarrassing moment.

It's important "so they don't look stupid at the games or when they're watching it trying to be all big and bad," he said.

But Bruce Morris, a junior sociology major, believes that overkill on knowledge of sports terminology can occur.

"I think like everything (else) we can go overboard with it. I probably watch more sports than I should."

Morris like others felt that sports knowledge might be skewed socially by gender, but not in all cases.

"On average it would be more of a guy thing but I think that's because typically they watch more (sports)."

Asif Sakhyani, a senior psychology major, agreed with Morris' view.

"Usually its more males however I've met some hardened college football female (fans)," he said.

Nigel Sanyangore, a freshman mathematics major from Zimbabwe, was more knowledgeable of soccer because it is the national sport in Africa.

"(From when) we are little kids we concentrate on soccer, sports (that are) like soccer and cricket," he said.

Sanyangore attended an Atlanta Braves this past weekend although it took him a while to follow the game, he began to understand how the game worked. American sports and Americans' tendencies for certain sports has amazed him in his time in the U.S.

"I'm surprised people like football more," he said. "Soccer is actually more exciting. You can use your head, your chest and your feet. In football ... (there's) a bunch of men running around with a football in their hands."

Soccer

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affair, with the Bobcats controlling possession of the ball late into the 45-minute period.

GCSU then played a near-perfect second half in which the team scored four goals, including two by sophomore forward Jamie Nevin.

Nevin was named GCSU Athlete of the week for her performance.

"It was great to see Jamie get back into scoring form," Parr said. "She had an ankle injury this summer and it looks like she's fully recovered from it."

Jeni Day, a junior forward, and Karly Zapp, a freshman midfielder/forward, added to the scoring with their first goals of the year.

"It was great to see (Day and Zapp) contribute. You need that type of contribution if you want to go deep in the playoffs," he said.

The Bobcats dominated not only time of possession but physically as well. While several UAH players appeared exhausted, the Bobcats continued their torrid pace of play. The high fit-

ness level of the GCSU squad was clearly evident.

"We did a lot of work over the summer with the players, to come in to the season fit and to have the younger players ready," said Parr.

The win over UAH was out-of-conference, so the team remains at 1-0 in the Peach Belt Conference standings. With four of the next five being PBC games for the Bobcats, the heart of the conference schedule is upcoming.

So what are the coach's expectations?

"Obviously our goal is to win the conference in the regular season, as well as in the tournament. Hosting our first playoff game would be great."

Parr went on to say that "one of the new things this season is that the winner of the Peach Belt Conference gets an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament."

Certainly the sights are set high for this year's Bobcat soccer team, and if their performance continues at this pace, no goal will be above this team.



AUSTIN CABOT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior forward Jeni Day (41) maneuvers around a UAH opponent last Saturday on the way to knocking in her first goal of the season. The Bobcats have started the season off on fire with an outstanding record of 5-1.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, September 28 -
Thursday, October, 4 2007

Friday, September 28

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. GCSU Tennis Women's Fall Tournament, Centennial Center
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. "&" Sale, Front Patio of MSU
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. "Cover to Cover: Visual Interpretations of Content" Artist, Margaret Ecker
8 p.m. Play: "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney, Russell Auditorium

Saturday, September 29

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. GCSU Tennis Women's Fall Tournament, Centennial Center
8 p.m. Play: "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney, Russell Auditorium

Sunday, September 30

2 p.m. Play: Sylvia by A.R. Gurney, Russell Auditorium
7:30 Faculty Recital: Maria Clark, Soprano, and Richard Mercier, Piano, Max Noah Recital Hall

Monday, October 1

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. "Traditional and Contemporary Expressions of Oral Traditions: Manding Dialiya to Hip-Hop Spoken Word"
12:30 p.m. 2007 University Convocation, Russell Auditorium
2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. "Music, Songs & Dance of Manding Traditions," A&S Auditorium
3:30 - 4:45 p.m. "Traditional Transitions - Cultural Continuity: African Kora Musics & Songs"
4 p.m. Art as an Agent for Change Meeting, Lanier 211
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fall Seminar Series: Conservation of Reptiles in Ga, Herty 250

Tuesday, October 2

7 p.m. STAND Meeting, Chapel 105
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. "Bantaba- The Gathering Place, African Music with the Kouyate Family," Front Campus
8 p.m. BCM: Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom

Wednesday, October 3

2 - 3:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays: Resume and Cover Letter, Lanier 232
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting, Atkinson Hall 107
1:15 p.m. Student Organization Renewal Meeting, A&S 2-71
5:00 p.m. BSA Meeting, MSU Lounge
7 p.m. Bobcats Soccer vs. USC Aiken, Bocat Field - West Campus
8:30 p.m. International Club Meeting, A&S 2-72

Thursday, October 4

8 p.m. GCSU New Play Project Presents, "Evolution: A Play About Cavemen, Max Noah Recital Hall
7:30 p.m. Students, \$1, General Public, \$3
Memory of African Culture: The Kouyate Family in Concert, Russell Auditorium

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Public Safety Report



What you should never do in a library

On Sept. 19, 2007, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Officer Lance and Sgt. Tuft were approached by library personnel while on foot patrol and advised that a male was looking at pornography on one of their computers. Contact was made with the male who had been banned from all GCSU property in December. The male was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with Criminal Trespass.

Toy gun raises suspicions

On Sept. 20, 2007, at approximately 11:02 p.m., Officer Pissott was dispatched to the Bell Hall parking lot in reference to an anonymous tip about a shotgun being in a vehicle. Officer Pissott observed a vehicle in the lot with a toy shotgun in the back. Contact with the owner was unable to be made. The vehicle was not secured, so Officer Pissott removed the toy from the back of the vehicle, secured and locked the vehicle and left her business card for the owner to contact her. The toy was placed into evidence for owner retrieval.

Cops smell a lie

On Sept. 21, 2007, at approximately 2:23 a.m., Officer Pissott observed a vehicle on McIntosh Street going the wrong way. She also observed the vehicle on Clarke Street swerve into the oncoming lane of traffic and that the vehicle had only one working brake light. A traffic stop was initiated and

contact made with the driver. While speaking with the driver, Officer Pissott could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver. Mr. Johnson denied consuming any alcohol. When tested on the Alco-Sensor he tested positive for alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol and Driving Wrong Way on a One Way Street. The vehicle was towed by Old Capitol Wrecker

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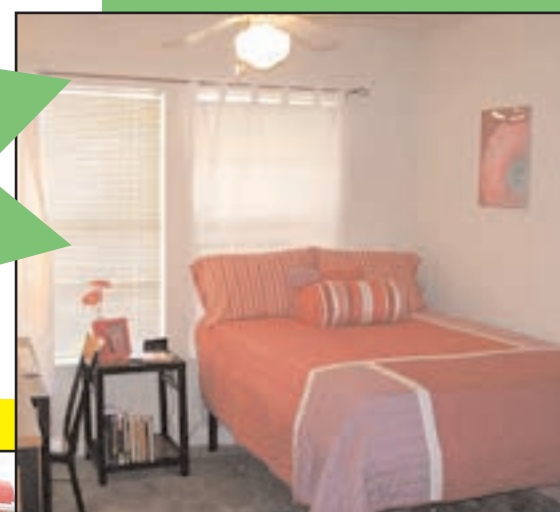
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